THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Each Regional Rural Bank is a separate entity under the Regional Rural Bank's Act, 1976 and operates within the specified local limits. The Government desire to maintain the separate identity and character of such banks.

Appointment of a Super Economic Administrator for streamlining fiscal and industrial policy

1181. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint a super economic administrator to ensure proper implementation of the new industrial and fiscal policy measures and also for coordinating with IMF World Bank officials;

(b) if so, the functions likely to be entrusted to this officer and to whom shall he be accountable;

(c) whether Government have also decided to set up a commission to whom the whole question of financial reform is likely to be referred;

(d) if so, what is the need for such a Commission to be set up; and

(e) the likely composition of this Committee and its terms of reference on which it is expected to base its policy prescriptions and whether it will include the examination of the balance sheet of commercial banks also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Government have already set up a Foreign Investment Promotion Board to invite and facilitate investment in India. The Government have also appointed a high level Committee, under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, to oversee the implementation of policy reforms. There is no proposal to appoint a super economic administrator.

(c) to (e) The last two decades have seen a phenomenal expansion in the geographical coverage and financial spread of our financial system. The development of the financial sector has contributed significantly to the increase in our savings rate, especially of the household sector. In recent years, however, certain rigidities and weakness have developed in the system and these have to be addressed to enable the financial system to play its role in a more effivient and competitive economy. With this end in view, the Government have constituted a High Level Committee, which will, *inter-alia*, look into the structure, Organisation, functions and procedures of the financial system in the country. The Committee is headed by Shri M. Narasimhan and comprises of experts drawn from Government, the RBI, the financial institutions and outside. The Committee is to submit its Report by 15th November, 1991.

Cases of Violation of FERA by Rice Exporters

1182. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some serious cases of FERA violations amounting to crores of rupees and involving a group of influential rice exporters mostly from Bombay, have come to light;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter as gathered by the Enforcement Directorate;

(c) the modus operandi of the fraud;

(d) the outcome of the investigation, if any, made into these cases; and

(e) the remedial measures taken to prevent such fraudulent dealings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (e) The enquiries into certain cases of exports made under Rupee Trade arrangements and suspected to have been diverted to hard currency area and its modus operandi, are at preliminary stage. Disclosure of details at this stage would effect the inquiries. The enforcement agencies are vigilant for apprehending the offenders.

Colloquium on Foreign Trade, GATT and Third World Development

1183. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decision taken by the Colloquium on foreign trade, GATT and Third World Development held at Bangalore in July 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Working Group on Patent Laws, in collaboration with the National School of India University, Bangalore, organised a Colloquium on 'Foreign Trade, GATT and Third World Development' on 27 and 28 July, 1991. The resolution adopted at the Colloquium concerned the areas of intellectual property, rights, investment measures, services, trade in agriculture and related matters. These issues are being negotiated in the Uruguay Round. There are many different perceptions on these issues among participants and no degree of finality has been arrived at. Government will continue to strive to obtain the most advantageous outcome for India.

Textile Mills in Maharashtra

1184. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills in Maharashtra; and

(b) what is the number of proposals to set up the Co-operative Spinning Mills from Maharashtra are pending with Union Government for the clearance of licences and what is the latest position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In Maharashtra State there are 122 Textile Mills.

(b) No proposal is pending for setting up of Co-operative Spinning Mills from Maharashtra State in the Ministry of Textiles, therefore question for clearance of licences does not arise.

औद्योगिक विकास के लिए ऋण प्रदान करने वाली सरकारी वित्तीय संस्थाएं

1185. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) औद्योगिक विकास हेतु ऋण प्रदान करने वाली सरकारी वित्तीय संस्थाएं कौन-कौन सी हैं और पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी प्रत्येक संस्था द्वारा राज्य-वार कितना-कितना ऋण दिया गया ;

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त वित्तीय संस्थाओं द्वारा ऋण प्रदान करने के लिए शुरू की गई नीतियों के परिणामस्वरूप क्षेत्रीय असंतुलन बढ़ गया है ; यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संस्थाओं को इस भेदभावपूर्ण नीति को बदलने के लिए कोई